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To Whom Ever It May Concern:

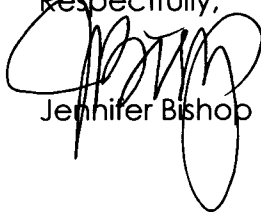
During this time of economic hardship and fiscal devastation for so many families across this nation, I was appalled to learn that SCE&G is requesting an almost 10% rate increase that will impact families who are barely surviving these nearly unbearable conditions.

Over these past couple of months I have personally seen my electric bill with SCE&G hit unprecedented levels. Thankfully I was able to pay the two months of invoices totaling nearly \$1K however many Americans are not as fortunate and that is where all of our concerns should lay.

I understand that SCE&G was approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008 and that this new rate hike will boost residential power bills for the average SCE&G customer by about \$140 a year by July 2011. SCE&G already has rates higher than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper. This lack of consumer concern has to stop.

I am submitting this letter to voice my strong opposition to the pending 9.5% rate increase for SCE&G.

Respectfully,



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